

WATERFRONT ITEMS FIRE REGULATIONS

Government Tug John McCracken Takes Soundings.

SANJOSE GETS NEW FOREMAST

Schooner William Olsen Due From San Francisco—Tiverton Leaves Out—Crew of Schooner Churchill Paid off Yesterday—Notes

Customs Inspectors at San Francisco, acting under orders of surveyor Woodward, have reported that several vessels not licensed to carry passengers have brought passengers to this port within the last few days, and the surveyor yesterday filed a report with Acting Customs Collector Hamilton asking that the offenders be punished. Mr. Hamilton has referred the matter to United States District Attorney Devlin for an opinion. The masters of the vessels deny having made any charge for bringing the passengers hither and claim that under regulations of the Department of Commerce and Labor they have a right to carry passengers, "Not for hire." The steamer Pomona is one of the vessels named.

The government tug John McCracken came down from Portland yesterday morning early, and was engaged for a while in taking soundings off the city front for the benefit of a group of river pilots on board, namely, Captains Patterson, Pease, Empken and Crang. She afterward went up the Columbia to Portland, taking soundings all the way up, under the scrutiny of these gentlemen.

The old foremast of the schooner San Jose was unstopped yesterday morning under the supervision of Pilot Commissioner A. V. Pendleton and the crippled stick was brought to the O. R. & N. pier and docked. The new timber will be stepped today, and the rigging replaced so as to get the bar schooner ready for service by Monday or Tuesday next.

The schooner William Olsen, in command of "Hurry-Up" Bill, is due to arrive here from Frisco at any hour, and will go to Portland or a load of lumber. She was to go to the Clatsop mills here but the dockage there was absorbed and she could not find a berth.

The load wherewith the barkentine Jane L. Stanford is being loaded will tax the water she is lying in, and she will be hauled to the stream and her deck load lightened to her. The rigging is going on apace and she will probably get away inside two weeks.

The Harvest Queen came down yesterday with a big load of mixed freight, and left up for the metropolis with the barkentine Tropic Bird, and the four-masted schooner Admiral, on her hawsers.

The Italian ship Caterina Accame received her new crew yesterday from Portland, and was expected to leave out for Chile, but she was not reported as sailing up to sundown.

Writer Suggests Means to Prevent Conflagrations.

FRAME BUILDINGS DANGEROUS

Belives Remedy Lies in the Regulation of Building Construction by the State—Inflammable Roofs Are Tabooed.

The following communication relative to the necessity of better fire regulations has been received:

August 10, 1906.

To the Editor:

At a time when the unparalleled catastrophe which destroyed over half of the city at the Golden Gate is still fresh in our memories and still exciting the sufferers,—both insured and insurers, it would not seem to be out of place to reflect on the causes which led to such disastrous consequences. It seems to be generally accepted that the great calamity was beyond human power to prevent or foresee. While this may be true of the primary cause of the catastrophe, it is equally true of the conflagration which followed it?

The conflagrations of Portland, Maine, in '06, Chicago in '71, Boston in '72, Oakkosh and Virginia City in '75, Galveston in '84, Seattle, Ellensburg, Spokane, Boston and Lynn in '89, Milwaukee in '92, Hoboken in '00, Jacksonville in '01, Waterbury and Paterson in '02, Baltimore and Rochester in '04, and a hundred other conflagrations within the same period, which have thrown their blight over the places swept by them, and finally 'Frisco in '06, would never have had such disastrous results if attention had been paid to proper and safe construction. Is there anyone who believes that there would have been any such destruction notwithstanding the earthquake, if there had been no shingle roofs, no frame rows? If its few brick buildings (about seven of the total number in the city) had not been studded with wooden bay windows and wooden trimmings? I there had been no buildings higher than the width of the streets, on which they front? Fallen or wrecked buildings would no doubt here and there have taken fire from broken gas pipes, broken electric wires, cracked flues, overturned stoves or lamps,—but they would have burned themselves out at the place of origin without spreading to the adjacent property. The fire department, in the absence of water, would have been able to circumscribe the extent of the conflagration, if there was no inflammable material to feed upon in the immediate vicinity, or to ignite blocks and miles away from flying sparks.

The remedy then would seem to be in better government from the start. The State must step in and grant no charter for village, town or city to permit the construction of any inflammable roofs, or the erection of any frame building covering more than 2500 square feet in area, and not then unless such buildings have at least a vacant space about them equal to their height, or protect the exposing property by complete fire-resisting material. Then instead of having six large conflagrations in one year, we could hardly have one in ten years to

destroy as much property as is now destroyed on an average every year.

Then, too, the State should require that every fire, however large or small, must be reported to the nearest magistrate or fire department, with full details regarding the cause, value and amount of loss as may be known at the time, and to be by them reported to the Insurance Departments or Bureau of Statistics of the State, and by the latter so classified as to show what causes are most responsible for our fires, and they should also show how much destruction is owing to the direct cause of the fire and how much to the exposure and conflagration. Such statistics would lay the foundation for wise and intelligent laws for the construction and protection of property, and be instrumental in producing the lowest rates at which they could be safely written, and obviate the necessity of all the foolish anti-trust laws as applied to the Insurance Companies, for every citizen would have the same information as to the basis for his calculations that the insurance companies have. If it were shown that most of our fires originate from matches that will ignite wherever they happen to lie, such matches will be prohibited, and it should be a penal offense for any individual to carry or bring such matches where a large number of men, women and children have to work, or trade or where they may be gathered together in places of amusement or instruction. So, also, should the careless disposition of lighted cigars or cigarette stubs and candles be made a penal offense, and all owners, architects, and mechanics, who are in any way responsible for the construction of a defective flue, fire-place or chimney, or unsafe setting of a stove, heating furnace or boiler be likewise liable to fine or imprisonment upon conviction.

Under such government a fire and a water department need not tax the community far beyond endurance, and instead of costing from two to three dollars per capita for water and fire departments, as is the average cost in the larger cities, the cost would be one-half as great and the security ten times greater.

I trust I have succeeded in showing that only those are philanthropists who teach the public how to prevent fires and conflagrations, and not those who clamor for more water, more fire apparatuses, and conflagration breeding "fire limit" laws, without first having taken into consideration the "ounce of prevention" which will make the pounds and tons of cure unnecessary.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

J. V. Lake of Seattle is in the city on a business tour.

P. D. Callahan of Seattle was in the city on business bent.

John Manciet was a passenger to Portland yesterday evening.

H. W. Walker of Portland reached the city on the noon train yesterday.

P. D. Cunningham of Portland came down on the noon train yesterday.

B. E. Aitkins of New York was among the business tourists in this city yesterday.

W. H. Ward of San Francisco arrived in the city yesterday on a business quest.

Miss Lois McCoy of Portland is sojourning in the city and is quartered at the Occident.

R. A. Sargent of St. Louis arrived in Astoria yesterday on the noon express from Portland.

G. P. Clark is in the city having come down from the metropolis on the 11:35 express yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Kanoka of Kansas City are in the city and registered at the Hotel Occident.

Mr. G. A. Paulson of Salt Lake City is in the city for a few days and a guest at the Hotel Irving.

The Misses Ruth and Beatrice Boedenfeldt of Elkhart, Ind., are in the city and domiciled at the Occident.

Charles D. White, the Blake-McFall man is in the city and will leave out for Tillamook today on the Elmore.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hubbell of Kelso, Wash., arrived in the city yesterday and left almost immediately for Seaside, where they will spend the season.

J. L. Bowman of the Brownsville Woollen Mills store, came down from the metropolis yesterday to superintend the installation of the big stock his people are putting in here.

George McLeod, general manager for the Astoria Company, and in charge of the Hammond Lumber Company's offices at San Francisco, arrived in Astoria yesterday from a trip to Tillamook.

Dan Ingalls is back from the New Mineral Spring, at Carson, Washington. He reports that the water he drank there is all right; but the wind blows forty miles in hour three days in the week, and the sun holds down the thermometer at 95 in the shade the remaining four days. He left Walter J. Ingalls there.

"THE SILVER KING"

Second Performance of This Wonderful Play—Large Crowd at Star.

The second performance of the "Silver King" was greeted last night with a packed house and from the attention and interest it created, this gem of English melodramas has certainly won itself into the hearts of the Astoria theatre-goers.

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hit. The company in every respect were smooth and finished in their parts, making this attraction indeed a star performance. We are most sincerely glad to hear that this company are going to remain with us in until September and we can assure them that their stay will be appreciated by giving them that which they justly deserve—packed houses. The production of the "Silver King" will continue throughout the week, there being the usual matinees, Saturday and Sunday. "East Lynne" will be produced this afternoon and on Sunday matinee the "Silver King" will be produced. Matinees commencing sharp at 3 o'clock. On Monday evening we are promised a rare treat in the production of "Hick'ry Farm or New England Folks." This is a way down East comedy drama and is an exceedingly strong play, there being lots of good legitimate comedy.

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